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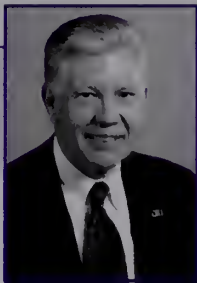
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The Wellness, Recreation and Activities Center opens
After 66 years the WRAC begins a new era of student services.





Dr. Randall J. Webb, '65, '66
President
Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

The new academic year is going to be an exciting yet challenging year for Northwestern State University.

This year, Northwestern, along with many Louisiana universities, will implement new admissions standards. We expect these requirements to lead to a short-term decline in enrollment. However, these standards will bring more students to Northwestern who are better prepared for college. In the long run, we believe the university will increase its student retention and graduation rates.

Two important building projects, which have been mentioned in the *Alumni Columns*, will also be open. The Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center, which was paid for with student assessed fees, will begin operation. A new 392-bed modified residence hall will also open this fall. The new residence hall was designed in the architectural style of beloved campus buildings such as Russell Hall, Warren Easton Hall and Caldwell Hall, yet has many modern amenities that students want.

As the university began the new academic year, I also asked our faculty, staff and administration to focus on three institutional objectives.

Those objectives are to identify and support programs and services responsive to the needs of the service area and student clientele, evaluate and respond to the changing environment to assure student learning and development, and provide support for economic and cultural development through community outreach.

On the surface, each of these objectives may seem obvious, but it is important to focus on the long-term so each of us is not consumed with day-to-day tasks.

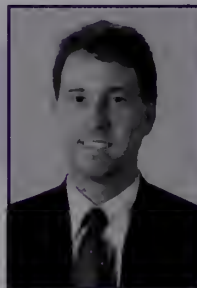
Northwestern will continue to develop new degree programs that help our students get the jobs which are available in our changing economy. We will also seek to continue providing our students with the best possible services to assist them in all areas.

The university will ensure that students are aware of available services and have the type of environment in which they can live and learn.

Northwestern will also reach out the community to provide services from areas such as the Small Business Development Center. We also want to provide a good quality of life for the region through performances by the Mrs. H.D. Dear and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts and our intercollegiate athletic program.

We hope you can come back to campus for Homecoming and see the positive changes taking place at your alma mater.

Dr. Chris Maggio, '85, '91
Director Alumni and Development



Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends:

The Men's Gym, the "Old" Men's Gym, the Intramural Building, and the IM Building are all names that we have used to refer to a grand old building at Northwestern. A lot of memories can be stirred by mentioning this facility.

Hundreds of basketball games were played there. I love hearing stories recounting the great games in Northwestern basketball history that took place in the Men's Gym prior to Prather Coliseum being opened in the 1960's. Alumni tell about the great rivalry games against Louisiana Tech, and students waiting in line to get a seat in the gym that was always "packed to the rafters". I've even heard stories where the basketball games (usually against McNeese) often turned into boxing matches as fights broke out between players and spectators.

Physical Education classes were held there. This was the building where many physical education classes were held prior to the department moving across campus in the 1960's. I'm sure many of our readers can recall stories about certain PE classes while at Normal or NSC. My favorite is to listen to alumni recall classes that they had with "Doc" Marx. He seemed to make a habit of jumping on desks, hiding in closets to listen to students grumble about him, or even climbing through a window in the building. Did this happen to any of you?

More recently, in the 70's, 80's and 90's the building became the home of Intramural sports at NSU. When I was in school, we referred to the building as the "Old Men's Gym." I was corrected by an English instructor that I should say "the Men's Old Gym." Never the less, I do have a lot of memories of my undergraduate years there also. Intramural sports, "the all-nighters" full of games and activities during welcome week and the KA Boxing tournament to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy.

Now, we have seen a transformation of the building to the Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center (WRAC). The building has been expanded to 81,000 square feet complete with two regulation sized basketball courts, three regulation sized racquetball courts, a 1/9th mile rubberized walking/jogging track, work out rooms, 5,600 square foot fitness floor with over 25 cardiovascular machines all equipped with cardio theater to watch any of the six television screens, a 3,000 square foot free weight room, steam rooms, etc.

This wonderful building in the center of campus, full of so many memories has not only been spared through renovation but can now be a building that future students can all be proud of for several more generations.

I hope the future students' memories are as nice as ours.

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Wellness, Recreation and Activities Center Opens!

When entering the gates of Northwestern, you are sure to be impressed by the latest improvement to NSU's campus, the long-awaited Wellness, Recreation and Activities Center, also known as the WRAC.

"It's the newest and nicest state-of-the-art facility in the state," said Patric DuBois, associate director of recreational sports. "And it's available to NSU graduates."

"I am excited about the WRAC opening," said Stephen Wood, physical education student. "It will be convenient for us and have nice equipment, much better than what we have had."

The WRAC has a 66-year history as the Men's Gymnasium as well as the Intramural Center, but a new design and designation was the vision of former NSU students, who voted in 1998 on a \$75 per semester fee to fund the new facility. Renovation of the Intramural Center began in March 2003.

"Those students of that time, students who were at NSU between 1997 and 1999 really saw this as an opportunity to contribute as future alumni," said Luke Dowden, who was the SGA president when the students passed the referendum. "Those students believed in something larger than their four years at NSU. They saw it was a way to give back to their institution."

Graduates of NSU, along with students, will be able to take advantage of the WRAC. A one-year membership is available for \$360. You may also pay monthly fee of \$35. Memberships for spouses of alumni are an additional \$20 per month. Dependents ages eight to 18, are eligible for free memberships. Children younger than age 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

"I am so thrilled that the new WRAC is up and running," said Erin Long Drago, 2000 graduate, out of state recruiter and SMART Coordinator for NSU. "I am excited to have a state of the art facility here at Northwestern where I can enjoy working out. I know that it will be a great recruiting tool for NSU and very enjoyable for the community here in Natchitoches as well."

Alumni from out of town will be able to use the facility for a guest fee of \$10 per day.

The WRAC, a three-floor, 81,000 square foot facility has an indoor jogging/walking track, two large gymnasiums and three racquetball courts.

Other cardiovascular training areas include a 2,400 square foot group exercise studio, where more than 20 different types of cardio classes are offered during the week, hosting six to eight classes per day.

A cardio theatre is also available. Members can pass the time on the cardio equipment by watching television, which they can listen to with

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WRAC Opens *continued from page 1*



standard headphones. Other cardio equipment is located throughout the building.

Strength training is the focus of three areas. The building includes a 2,800 square foot strength area has Nautilus machines and a free-weight room that is 3,000 square feet. Women have the beauty-bell area, which holds smaller free weights.

More than 50 students are employed at the WRAC. All fitness instructors are nationally certified and have a certification in First Aid and CPR.

The WRAC employs some NSU alumni, including Chad Givens, a 2000 and 2001 graduate, as an assistant recreational sports director and Ron Corkern III as the facility coordinator. Corkern is also a 2000 graduate.

Membership include individual showers and steam rooms for men and women.

Lockers and massage therapy will be available for an extra fee, as will use of the fitness assessment lab, which offers services such as fitness testing, blood lipid profiles and personal training.

Horton named acting dean of graduate studies



Dr. Steve Horton

Dr. Steve Horton has been named acting dean of Graduate Studies and Research at Northwestern State University. Horton will oversee the university's graduate programs, research and sponsored programs, and efforts to promote and develop academic research by faculty and students.

"There are significant synergies between graduate

studies and the undergraduate learning environment," said Horton, who has been at the university since 1989. "No university can boast a strong undergraduate program without strong graduate instruction. Over the past century, thousands have earned advanced degrees from Northwestern as a result of the contributions of its faculty in the areas of scholarship and service."

Horton said support for graduate education by the administration at Northwestern would continue. The university will maintain its reputation for providing graduate education of the highest quality in the region because of the many advances in graduate distance education, the redesign of most of the graduate education programs, and the introduction of new graduate programs such as the master's program in heritage education.

Horton has been head of NSU's Department of Journalism since 1999. While leading the Department of Journalism, the program received a donation to create the \$1 million Erbon W.

and Marie Wise Endowed Chair in Journalism. The chair is filled this fall by Dr. John Merrill, professor emeritus at the University of Missouri, who is a internationally recognized journalism educator and practitioner.

Under Horton, the department also received reaffirmation of accreditation from Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, which found the program to be in compliance with all of its 12 standards of accreditation.

The department completed a \$1 million digital conversion of its broadcast facility to better prepare its students for the job market.

From 1997 to 1999, Horton was director of Alumni Affairs and development officer, and assistant professor of journalism at NSU. In that position, he increased alumni giving by 25 percent, incorporated alumni into the university recruiting effort and established "Grad Fest," a unique program that afforded the opportunity for graduation candidates to manage final affairs prior to graduation.

Horton joined the university as an instructor of business in 1989 and was named an assistant professor of journalism in 1997. From 1994 until 1998, he was also student publications director, overseeing the campus newspaper and yearbook. During that time, the campus yearbook, *The Potpourri*, received commendations for excellence in layout design and writing each year.

A native of New Iberia, Horton earned a bachelor's degree at NSU. He received a master's and doctorate at Louisiana State University.

Longtime faculty member Elliott named acting dean of College of Business



Dr. Stephen Elliott

Dr. Stephen Elliott has been named acting dean of the College of Business at Northwestern State University. He succeeds Dr. Joel Worley, who retired June 30.

A professor of finance at NSU, Elliott has been the Kilpatrick Life Professor of Insurance since 2000. He has also served as area coordinator for finance and economics within the College of Business. Elliott has been a member of Northwestern's faculty since 1978. He has also served as a visiting faculty member at the University of Hawaii.

Elliott earned his doctorate in economics and finance at Louisiana Tech University. He has extensive experience in insurance, financial planning, banking, real estate and as an economic consultant.

"My vision is to be the top College of Business in the state. Because of the leadership of Dr. Barry Smiley, Dr. Carroll Aby and Dr. Joel Worley we have made tremendous strides," said Elliott. "We want to be the place where students can get a first-class business degree and be taught by faculty who care. Our goal is to continue servicing the needs of the students through excellence in teaching, advising and placement, research, and to move forward to new academic excellence."

Elliott said the reaffirmation of accreditation by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International for six years is an indication of the quality of the program.

"A six year accreditation is the longest period granted by AACSB, which indicates the outstanding work done by our faculty in the classroom and as researchers," he said. "I regard my colleagues on the faculty as the best anywhere. They have a passion for teaching and are dedicated to staying current within their field. Because of their efforts, our students are ready to attend graduate school or enter the business world after earning a degree."

Elliott wants to continue building strong relationships with alumni from the College

of Business. Alumni and friends of the College of Business have made donations for nine endowed professorships for the college worth \$900,000 and an endowed chair, which will be worth \$1 million when matching funds are received. Several new scholarships have also been received.

"Alumni and friends of the university are aware of the outstanding achievements at Northwestern and within the College of Business," said Elliott. "I want to make sure those people who support NSU are aware of our latest accomplishments and understand they can play a role in our future success."

As a faculty member, Elliott has had work widely published in national and international professional journals. He has been a frequent presenter at professional conferences throughout the United States. Elliott has also been a consultant for leading international publishers on textbooks in the fields of finance, insurance and real estate.

Elliott has used the Kilpatrick Life Insurance Endowed Professorship to conduct research on several aspects of insurance including consumer purchasing of insurance, regulations affecting insurance and how consumers make decisions on the purchasing of insurance.

Lindsey to head Department of Psychology



Dr. Cynthia Lindsey

Dr. Cynthia Lindsey has been named head of the Department of Psychology at Northwestern State University.

Lindsey, a member of NSU's faculty since 1999, has been acting department head since 2003.

"The department has seen a tremendous amount of growth in the last couple of years, so I want to be sure the program has some stability and maintains its quality," said Lindsey. "We want to maintain the best practices in the field and also look for ways to better serve the university and the community."

Opportunities for growth were created when the Department of Psychology was

the first at Northwestern to place a complete bachelor's degree program online. A new Bachelor of Science in addictive studies was also created, allowing the university to utilize resources from the Louisiana Addiction Technology Transfer Center Coordinating Center at NSU. The experts at the Center will help Northwestern meet changing needs in the field.

Lindsey plans to explore the possibility of creating an outpatient mental health center at Northwestern to serve the community. The center would provide individual, couples and family therapy. It may also provide group therapy and psychological evaluations.

"This center would provide a valuable resource for the community as well as an excellent training opportunity for students," she said.

Lindsey received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in clinical psychology at NSU. She earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from Spalding University in Louisville, Ky., and became a licensed clinical psychologist in the state of Louisiana in 1998.

Alumni and friends invited to tailgate as the Demons take on ULL

The Northwestern State University Alumni Association and NSU Athletic Association are sponsoring a weekend in Lafayette for NSU alumni and friends when the NSU Demons take on the University of Louisiana-Lafayette at Cajun Field Saturday, Sept. 17.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Lafayette, 1421 West Pinhook Rd., at \$72 per night for double occupancy and \$82 per night for king occupancy. To make a reservation, call the Hilton at (337) 235-6111 or (800) 445-8667, and ask for the rooms reserved under Northwestern State University Alumni. Rooms are available for Friday and/or Saturday night(s). Space is limited and is available on a first come first served basis.

The NSU tailgate party will take place from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Cajun Field. The cost is \$10 per person. Anyone who would like to attend can call the NSU Alumni Center at (318) 357-4414 or ((888) 799-6486 to make reservations. Information is also available on the Web at www.northwesternalumni.com.

Tickets to the 7 p.m. football game are available by calling the NSU Ticket Office at (318) 357-4268. Ask for seating in the Northwestern section.

Events will begin with a Friday night fish fry at The Schilling Shack from 7-9 p.m. on Sept. 16. All NSU alumni, parents, friends and fans are invited. The cost is \$15 per person. Anyone interested in attending can RSVP the NSU Alumni Center by phone at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486 or by e-mail to giblinj@nsula.edu.

For more information, contact Janay Matt, assistant director of Alumni Affairs, at (318) 357-4414 or Charlie Vienne, assistant athletic director for external relations, at (318) 357-4295.

NSU Foundation director retires



Tony Gustwick

Tony Gustwick, executive director of the Northwestern State University Foundation, retired in June after a long career in higher education. Gustwick, who also served as the university's director of institutional advancement, worked at Northwestern for the last decade, fostering a mutually beneficial relationship between the university and the Natchitoches community through his involvement in numerous civic organizations.

Gustwick came to NSU in 1995 from LSU where he served in various leadership capacities with the LSU Alumni Association for 15 years. He also worked 10 years at his alma mater, Texas Tech University, as assistant director of alumni affairs and served as alumni director at the University of North Texas for six years prior to his work at LSU.

"Anyone in a public relations job needs to keep constant contact with people off-campus," Gustwick said.

Gustwick has received several honors and held membership in many organizations, including Eagle Scout, First Methodist Church, and Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, which awarded him the fraternity's Distinguished Service Award. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and was the first chairman of Southwest District IV of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and is a recipient of the District's Distinguished Achievement Award. Gustwick was appointed honorary admiral in the Texas Navy by former Texas Governor Preston Smith.

Gustwick is past president of the College Alumni Directors of Texas and was a member of the Louisiana Alumni Executives. He is currently serving on the

board of directors of the Association of the United States Army (Fort Polk Chapter) and is past president of the Bon Temps Dance Club.

Locally, Gustwick serves on the board of directors of the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce and is past member of the board of the Wesley-Westminster Foundation. He is past president of Methodist Men and the Natchitoches Rotary Club and is a member of Natchitoches Business and Professional Women's Club. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and is a Shriner. He is a charter member of the Krewe of Dionysos and will serve that organization as captain next year.

Gustwick said involvement in community organizations was dual purpose.

"The more you do on the outside, the more people you meet. Fund raising and alumni is a people business and you can't raise funds sitting in your office. You've got to meet people and get to know them and where their interests lie. You may meet an alumnus who was a business major who is not interested in contributing to the business department; instead, they may want to support the symphony," he said.

During Gustwick's tenure at Northwestern, fund raising increased from \$180,047 in 1994 to \$1,555,520 in 2004.

"Good people on the Foundation Board made the experience such a pleasure," Gustwick said. "It's been a joy to work with them."

A native of Yoakum, Texas, Gustwick earned a bachelor of business administration degree in industrial management from Texas Tech in 1962. Upon graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps and served on active duty 28 months. He received an honorable discharge as a captain in 1968.

Gustwick is married to Linda Tillman. He has two grown children living in Texas and a step-daughter living in New York.

In retirement, Gustwick will remain active in many civic and social groups, but said he is looking forward to a flexible schedule and perhaps putting in a garden.

"It's good to know we don't have to do anything," he said.

NSU Professional Advisors Association begun

The first meeting of the NSU Professional Advisors Association Executive Committee was held recently at the Northwestern State University Alumni Center.

The committee established the NSU Professional Advisors Association Scholarship which will be presented to a business major at Northwestern this fall. The scholarship is being set up with a portion of the annual \$100 dues paid by Advisors Association members. The recipient must be at least a sophomore with a grade point average of at least 3.0 and demonstrate financial need.

Nettles Brown of Natchitoches with New York Life Insurance Co. and Waskom, Brown & Associates was elected chairman. Donna Vercher LaCour of Shreveport with Argent Trust was elected secretary.

Also named to the executive committee were Glen Cooley of Slagle, Dr. Bobby Alost, Mark Ducote, Nicole Howard, Jimmy D. Long, Jr. and Angie Smith, all of Natchitoches; Chuck Higgins of Shreveport, Grover Davis of Atlanta, Adrian Howard of Irving, Texas; Jack Welch III of Pearl, Miss., and Wende Wilson of Stonewall.

The NSU Professional Advisors Association was established through the NSU Foundation and is open to professional advisors in the areas of finance, investments, accounting, tax, law, insurance, real estate and banking. Northwestern alumni and friends of the university are encouraged to join the group.

In addition to helping support Northwestern, members will receive recognition at estate seminars sponsored by the NSU Foundation and in Northwestern publications. Members will also receive the "Council Columns" newsletter, invitations to special events and be a possible presenter at estate planning seminars.

The first estate planning seminars sponsored by the NSU Foundation this fall will discuss tax planning and investment planning. The seminars will be open to the public.

For more information on the NSU Professional Advisors Association or the estate planning seminars, contact Sharon Sampit  at the NSU Foundation at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486.

Lance Elmore - this Demon football player has been where teamwork matters most

After 13 months in Afghanistan, the sophomore defensive end has resumed his Northwestern studies and playing career.

Through his days as an All-State football player at Mangham High School, then during his first two years with the Northwestern State Demons, Lance Elmore thought he had a pretty good grasp of the concept of teamwork.

After serving 13 months with the National Guard in Afghanistan, Elmore more thoroughly understands and appreciates teamwork's value and importance.

Now, nearly halfway through his redshirt sophomore season wearing uniform No. 52 for Northwestern's Purple Swarm defense, Elmore takes nothing for granted. From the time his battalion's plane touched down in Alexandria, ("the sweetest moment in my life, 8:02 a.m., April 21, 2005," he says), his heart swelled gratefully as he resumed life as a college student, as a football player, and most of all, as a beloved son and treasured friend.

He's back doing what he wants to do partly because he and the other soldiers in the 528th worked so well together when it mattered most.

He's seen first-hand some of the most oppressed, disadvantaged people on Earth. He's stood his ground, watching rockets fired by insurgents sailing toward him and his National Guard battle buddies.

He's seen men his age and younger wounded and killed in mortar attacks. He's worried when a smiling 6-year-old child scampered toward him, wearing a backpack. He's seen mothers and fathers begging for food and shelter for their families, and at times, he was able to help them. Other times, under orders from his base's commanding officer, he wasn't.

It's an experience he doesn't care to repeat, but one he wouldn't change.

His Louisiana National Guard 528th Engineering Battalion was fortunate.

Although soldiers in their camp were injured and killed during Elmore's stay, everyone from the 528th Battalion came home safely.

That seemed overly optimistic after his life took a wild and scary turn early on the morning of Nov. 7, 2003, when Elmore was about to board a team bus in Natchitoches for the Demons' game the next afternoon at Sam Houston State.

A redshirt freshman linebacker, Elmore had blocked a punt and made five tackles in his first year on the field for Northwestern. Then came an urgent message — immediately contact the National Guard unit that he had joined while still in high school, because his mother thought that was the most likely path to provide him with the chance to be the first in his family to attend college. She couldn't have foreseen that he would be able to choose among football scholarship offers from colleges in the region.

Being a good teammate, Elmore thought, was a breeze. It meant carrying out your assignments and not letting the other players down. It meant pushing yourself to work harder, and trying to inspire the guys around you. It required trust and commitment and faith.

It still does, he says. Those values are important. But having competed in an arena where the stakes were life and death, Elmore has a real appreciation for what he used to never give a second thought.

"Everybody I've had a conversation with since I got back, I've told them do the right things and don't take your life here for granted in the least," he said. "I went from living nicely and danger-free here, to going overseas into a war zone with a bunch of strangers in a couple of months.

"You only have a short time to find out who you can trust in a foxhole with your lives on the line, and that's as real as it gets. We always talk about if somebody doesn't show up for weights, that we won't be able to depend on them in the fall. There's a trust you try to build on the football field and you need to be able to depend on your teammates doing their jobs. But that's really not life and death. That's maybe whether you're getting your education paid for, or not, and that is important, and you don't want to let anybody down. But it's not life and death."

Lance Elmore, the football player, became Spc. Elmore, the warrior. Trained and capable of handling an array of weapons, his primary job in Afghanistan was not to defend or to destroy, but to build. Elmore's unit primarily did electrical work on buildings constructed either to house American military personnel or Afghan schools and other governmental structures.

"Everything I did over there, I compared to my life over here," Elmore said. "Making a mistake on the football field, your coach might pull you out of the game, or he might let you go and see if you can get your head together. You make a mistake over there and it might be the last thing you ever do. It could cost you your life or other people's lives. The choices we make here, some have consequences and some don't. Over there, we had to make good decisions. You went by the rules of engagement, and that was it. You never put your life in danger, or the life of your battle buddy. If you thought you wanted to do something crazy, you'd better go get some help, because you could cause a whole lot of damage and change a whole lot of lives for the worse. Nobody wants to have to call home and say that your son or daughter has been killed because of my mistake.

"I'll tell any athlete here — being in America is not only a blessing, but a privilege. You were born here but you could just as well have been born in Afghanistan. You better take advantage of what you've been given. Educationally, we take being in college for granted in nearly every case.

"Over there, we were actually building their schools. I went through an experience that tested me. I made it through it, I learned from it. I just didn't go and say, 'I went to Afghanistan and fought for my country.' It did something to me, it affected me, and it changed my life, for the better."



Northwestern gearing up for Homecoming Festivities

Many activities have been planned for Northwestern alumni and friends during Homecoming weekend, Thursday, Oct. 13 through Saturday, Oct. 15.

Thursday, Oct. 13

- The NSU retirees' reception will be held in the Family and Consumer Sciences Building from 3-4 p.m. The event is open to all NSU retirees and will be held in the upstairs dining room.

Friday, October 14

- The College of Business will host the annual Walter Porter Forum on Friday morning. The College of Business Dean's Advisory council will meet in the afternoon. Times are to be announced. For more information, call the College of Business at (318) 357-5161.
- The Alumni Association will hold a board meeting at 10 a.m. in Room 221 of the Student Union. The annual board of directors meeting is open to the public.
- The annual Homecoming Golf Tournament will be held at the NSU Rec Complex's 18-hole golf course on Friday, Oct. 14. Guests are invited to participate in the annual golf scramble for \$50 per player, including golf cart and a lunch that will be served at noon. Tee time for the four-man scramble will be at 1 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling Hall Adams at the Rec Complex at (318) 357-3207 or e-mailing him at adamsh@nsula.edu.
- The NSU Foundation Board meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Cane River Room of the Student Union. The meeting is open to the public.
- The popular Homecoming parade, which annually draws the Natchitoches community into the festivities, will begin at 5 p.m. at Prather Coliseum. The parade will proceed on South Jefferson and Jefferson streets, turning onto Rue Beauport to end in front of the Fleur de Lis stage on the downtown riverbank. A pep rally on the riverbank will follow, featuring entertainment by the Northwestern spirit groups. The Homecoming court and student athletes will be recognized.
- An invitation-only reception will be held to honor Long Purple Line recipients, the Foundation Board, the President's Distinguished Service Award recipient, Distinguished Faculty award recipients and the Alumni board. The reception will be held from 5:45-6:45 p.m. in the President's Home.
- The Homecoming Banquet will be held to honor Long Purple Line recipients, the President's Distinguished Service Award recipient, Distinguished Faculty Award recipients and N-Club inductees. The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the Alumni Center or by calling (318) 357-04414 or (888) 799-6486. A social hour prior to the banquet will be held from 6:30-7 p.m. in the lobby of the Student Union.

Saturday, Oct. 15

- The Catholic Student Organization will host alumni weekend activities beginning with a program to honor Alumni of the Year and Layperson of the Year. The program will be held at Holy Cross Church and is open to the public. Time is to be announced. An alumni mass will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 at Holy Cross for all NSU alumni and friends. For more information, call Holy Cross Church at (318) 352-2615 or Don Barker at (318) 357-5901.
- A College of Education reunion will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Teacher Education Building. All graduates of the College of Education are invited to attend a breakfast that will honor the

inductees of the College's Hall of Distinguished Educators. For more information, call (318) 357-6278.

- The University Book Store will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Student Union. The bookstore will offer a wide selection of Northwestern apparel and memorabilia.
- The N-Club Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the East Concourse of Prather Coliseum. The N-Club recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of intercollegiate athletics at NSU either by virtue of their performance on athletic teams representing the university or by meritorious efforts on behalf of the athletic programs at the university. An N-Club barbecue will be held following the Homecoming game at 5:30 p.m. at the Shriner's Club. For more information, contact Gil Gilson at (318) 677-3141 or e-mail him at Gilson@nsula.edu.
- The College of Business will host a morning reception for inductees of the College's Hall of Distinction in the Natchitoches Room of Russell Hall. This honor is reserved for alumni and faculty who distinguished themselves through professional success, philanthropic endeavors and/or outstanding service to their alma mater. Time is to be announced. For more information, call the College of Business at (318) 357-5161. The College of Business will also host an open house and reception from 10 a.m. to noon in the Natchitoches Room. All College of Business alumni are invited to renew old friendships before the game.
- Alumni tailgating will be from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Tailgating Field adjacent to Turpin Stadium. Various groups, including Greek organizations, N-Club and College of Education will be tailgating prior to the football game.
- The 1955 Football Team Reunion reception will begin at 11:30 p.m. in the Brown-Stroud Room in the Athletic Fieldhouse. For more information, call the NSU Alumni Center at (318) 357-4414 or e-mail to giblinj@nsula.edu.
- The Columns Society Induction will take place from noon-1 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union. The Columns Society will host an induction ceremony and luncheon to honor supporters who made a planned gift to NSU. For more information, contact Sharon Sampité at (318) 357-4245.
- Pre-game activities will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Turpin Stadium. Guests are invited to enjoy the pre-game show performed by the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band and other game day activities.
- The Homecoming game against Southeastern Louisiana will begin at 2 p.m. Half-time ceremonies will begin at approximately 3:30 p.m.
- The annual Band Alumni Party will begin at approximately 5 p.m. at the Alumni Center.
- A post-game reception honoring the Homecoming Court will begin at approximately 5 p.m. The invitation-only event will be held in the Steve and Lori Stroud Hospitality Room in the Athletic Fieldhouse.
- Join Demon fans downtown for a post-game celebration with Boogie on the Bricks, a free street dance/concert. Boogie on the Bricks will take place from 7-10 p.m. in historic downtown Natchitoches.
- A Phi Kappa Phi Alumni Reunion will take place during Homecoming. Details are forthcoming. For more information, call Mike Murphy at (504) 443-5004 or (504) 837-1722 Ext. 105 or e-mail to memurphy@sstar.com. A second contact is Charles Bice at (318) 332-8399 or e-mail CharlesBBice@msn.com.

2005 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 13

NSU Retirees Reception

3-4 p.m. – Family & Consumer Science Building (Upstairs Dining Room)
Reception for all Northwestern retirees.

Friday, October 14

Alumni Association Board Meeting

10:00 a.m. Room 221, Student Union. Annual Board of Directors meeting open to the public.

Homecoming Golf Tournament

1:00 p.m. — NSU Recreation Complex
Come participate in the annual golf scramble on the 18-hole golf course for \$50 per player (includes golf cart and lunch by Coach Gene Knecht). Tee time is at 1:00 p.m. and lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling Hall Adams at the NSU Recreation Complex at 318-357-3207 or email at adamsh@nsula.edu.

NSU Foundation Board Meeting

1:30 p.m. Cane River Room, Student Union.
Open to the public.

Homecoming Parade

5:00 p.m. (approx.) – Campus/Town Annual Homecoming Parade for both the Northwestern and Natchitoches communities. Begins at Prather Coliseum and ends at the downtown riverbank. Pep rally on the riverbank will follow parade.

Reception

5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m. – President's Home. **By Invitation Only.**

Honoring Alumni Board, Foundation Board, Distinguished Faculty Recipients, Long Purple Line Recipients, President's Distinguished Service Award Recipient.

Homecoming Banquet

7:00 p.m. – Student Union Ballroom
Annual banquet honoring Long Purple Line Recipients, the President's Distinguished Service Award Recipient, Distinguished Faculty Award

Recipients and N-Club Inductees. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the Alumni Center or by calling 357-4414 or 888-799-6486. Social prior to the banquet will be held from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Student Union.

Saturday, October 15

College of Education Reunion

8:30 a.m. – Teachers Education Building
All graduates of the College of Education are invited to attend a breakfast that will honor the inductees of the College's Hall of Distinguished Educators. For more information, call (318) 357-4414 or 888-799-6486.

University Bookstore Open

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Student Union
Go by the bookstore and buy all of your NSU memorabilia!

N-Club Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

10:30 a.m. – East Concourse Prather Coliseum
For more information, please call Gil Gilson at (318) 677-3141 or email at Gilson@nsula.edu.

Alumni Tailgating

11:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Tailgating Field
The Alumni Association will be serving plate lunches for \$5 per person. All NSU Alumni are invited to come by the tent and grab something to eat before the game. It will be a great time to visit with friends you haven't seen in a while.

Tailgating Activities

11:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Tailgating Field adjacent to Turpin Stadium. Various groups, including the Greek organizations, N-Club and College of Education will be tailgating prior to the football game.

1955 Football Team Reunion Reception

11:30 p.m. – Stroud Room, Athletic Fieldhouse
For more information, please call the NSU Alumni Center at (318) 357-4414 or email at giblinj@nsula.edu.

"The Columns Society" Induction Ceremony

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. – President's Room, Student Union.

The "Columns Society" will host the charter member induction ceremony to recognize and honor special supporters who made a planned gift to NSU. For more information on "The Columns Society," please call Sharon Sampite at (318) 357-4245.

Pregame Activities

1:30 p.m. – Turpin Stadium
Enjoy the pre-game show by the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band and other game day activities.

Homecoming Game vs. Southeastern Louisiana

2:00 p.m. – Turpin Stadium

Halftime Ceremonies

3:30 p.m. (approx.) – Turpin Stadium

Band Alumni Party

5:00 p.m. (approx.) – Alumni Center

Postgame Reception for Homecoming Court

5:00 p.m. (approx.) – Steve and Lori Stroud Hospitality Room, Athletic Fieldhouse (by invitation only)

N-Club Barbecue

5:00 p.m. (approx.) – Shriners' Club
For more information, please call Gil Gilson at (318) 677-3141 or email at Gilson@nsula.edu.

"Boogie on the Bricks"

7:00 p.m. (approx.) – Front Street
Join Demon fans in the Historic District for live music, food and drinks as Natchitoches puts on its best for the Demons!

Other Homecoming Activities

Pi Kappa Phi Alumni Reunion

For more information, please call Charles Bice at (318) 332-8399 or email at CharlesBBice@msn.com or David Morgan at dmorgan738@aol.com.

Columns Society Induction to be part of Homecoming Festivities

An induction ceremony for the Columns Society at Northwestern State University will be held as part of Homecoming activities Saturday, Oct. 15 at noon in the President's Room of the Friedman Student Union.

The NSU Foundation has created The Columns Society to honor and recognize special supporters who make a planned gift to Northwestern. Supporters who make a planned gift to the university are eligible to be part of the group. The ceremony will also honor legacy members, who are alumni and friends of Northwestern that have passed away and left a gift to the university.

"The Columns Society exemplifies the importance of

charitable requests and other planned gifts, and through the society the university can thank alumni and friends who create legacy gifts and lasting memorials," said Sharon Sampite, assistant director of the NSU Foundation.

Planned gifts can fund a named endowed scholarship, endowed professorship or endowed chair. These gifts can also benefit a preferred department, school or college as well as a support organization at NSU. The donation can also be used to meet the greater needs of the university.

For more information on planned giving, contact the NSU Foundation at (318) 357-4414.

Alumni Gatherings

Baton Rouge Reception



Pauline Jobe ('42) and Alta ('51) and Clide Osborn got together at the Baton Rouge alumni reception.



Chris ('77) and Maudrie Eldridge visited with Carlos Prevo at the reception held in conjunction with the Louisiana High School Coaches Conference in Baton Rouge.



Rose Long ('68) saw Ann ('84) and William Haile ('43) at the Baton Rouge alumni gathering.

Library Science Luncheon

Thomas Hennigan ('51), Avis Hower ('51) and Joanne Pickett ('76, '81) gathered with other Library Science alumni at their annual luncheon.



Sharon Ebarb ('74), Mary Walker ('72, '76, '83) visited during the Library Science Alumni Luncheon.

Mary Edwards ('75), Marietta Booth ('61) and Margaret Crane ('74) met with other Library Science alumni at the annual luncheon.



Washington D.C. Crawfish Boil



Amanda Cason ('03, second from left) showed her Purple Pride to friends at the Washington D.C. crawfish boil.



There was high attendance at the second alumni gathering in our nation's Capital.



Ronald Wilkins ('89) and his wife Marjorie brought their children to the crawfish boil in Washington D.C.



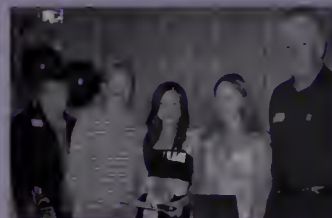
Buck ('59) and Sandra Folse ('62) Tumminello caught up with other NSU alumni.

Winnfield Alumni/Recruiting Reception

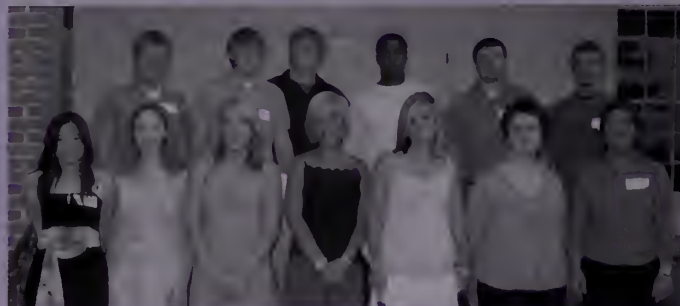
Doug Ireland ('86) and Matt Machen ('94) enjoyed visiting with other Winn alumni.



Jon Zeagler ('94), Betty Zeagler, Olivia Ann Willis ('66) and Sarah Harrison Zeagler ('95) gathered with friends and family at the Winnfield recruiting and alumni reception.



Jane Claborn Purser ('55) and President Randall Webb ('65) recognized two Winn Parish students who will be attending NSU this fall.



Incoming Freshmen from Winn Parish were welcomed by NSU alumni.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumnus **Roy Connell** remembers vividly that one of the obstacles to gaining a college education isn't in the classroom. A lack of money can keep a student from completing their college degree and Connell is doing his part to keep that from happening.

Connell, a 1951 graduate of Northwestern, has pledged to make annual contributions of \$1,250 to the NSU Foundation for scholarship assistance.

"I want to help students because when I went to Northwestern, it was hard to go," said

Connell, a retired accountant who lives in Pasadena, Texas.

The donation will assist students in the fall, spring and summer semesters.

Connell said he recently received a thank you note from a student who benefited from his donation.

"The student really loved Northwestern, but she was going to have to transfer to be closer to home because she didn't have the money," he said. "I am glad I am able to help someone along the way. I will keep helping as long as I can."

When he came to Northwestern, Connell said he "was a student out of place." Connell planned to major in agriculture, but later found out he would have to transfer to earn the degree he was seeking. He graduated with a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry and physics. After 10 years in the supermarket industry, he decided to change professions and become an accountant.

"I was in my mid-30's but decided to start over and enjoyed being an accountant," he said. "It's good that I have the chance to help others become whatever they want."

The **Natchitoches Historic Foundation** has made a donation to the NSU Foundation to endow the Mildred Hart Bailey Preservation Scholarship Fund. Bailey, a founding NHF board member, was a local preservationist who was on the faculty at Northwestern State University. The scholarship will go to a student entering NSU's newly-created Master of Arts in Heritage Resources program, which will begin this fall.

"We are fortunate to have this program forming at Northwestern," Edwin Dunahoe, NHF president said. "In many ways, its goals parallel our own here at the Foundation. I'm sure the students entering the program will benefit the preservation needs of the Natchitoches area."

The new scholarship will provide \$500 to a Heritage Resources graduate student who will, in turn, aid the Natchitoches Historic Foundation in its preservation efforts in Natchitoches.

According to ElizaBeth Guin, Heritage Resources program coordinator, the scholarship will make a difference beyond Natchitoches as well.

"Each year, our graduating students will enter preservation positions across the country," Guin said. "We're thrilled NHF is supporting this new program and contributing to the development of America's future preservationists."

Heritage Resources are the physical remains and oral traditions of past human activities. They include archaeological sites, historic structures, archival records, oral traditions, and human-modified landscapes.

The Heritage Resources program's mission is to provide students with opportunities to become highly motivated, knowledgeable, and skillful professionals who, by working with federal and state agencies, historic preservation groups, and property owners as well as others, are able to develop integrated preservation strategies to protect and manage the total range of the country's heritage.

For more information on the Master of Arts in Heritage Resources, visit www.nsula.edu/heritageresources or call 357-6195. For more information on NHF's preservation efforts, visit www.natchitocheshistoricfoundation.org.

Guidroz Physical Therapy Scholarship established

Natchitoches physical therapist Richard Guidroz and his wife Rhonda have made a donation to the NSU Foundation to establish the Guidroz Physical Therapy Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a student in health and exercise science or pre-physical therapy.

Both Richard and Rhonda Guidroz are Northwestern alumni. Richard Guidroz began practicing as a physical therapist in 1976 and opened his private practice in 1980.

"I am celebrating 25 years in private practice and wanted to do something special to show what Northwestern means to us," said Richard Guidroz. "Both of us went here and it gave us a tremendous foundation. We are indebted to the university and to the faculty who taught us."

Guidroz remembers how important financial aid was for him and his wife when they were attending NSU.

"If not for financial aid and scholarships, neither I nor my wife would have gotten where we are today," he said. "We want to be able to make it easier for students."

As a practicing professional in Natchitoches, Guidroz works with students taking health and exercise science and pre-physical therapy classes and assists them as they begin the transition into the profession.

"The students I come into contact with are very well prepared for the competitive environment of physical therapy," said Guidroz. "Northwestern students are accepted into physical therapy school at a very good rate."

A scholarship committee including faculty from the Department of Health and Human Performance and the Department of Biological Science will choose the scholarship recipient.



A new scholarship established at Northwestern by Natchitoches physical therapist Richard Guidroz (center) and his wife Rhonda (second from left) will be awarded to a student in health and exercise science or pre-physical therapy. Both Richard and Rhonda Guidroz are Northwestern alumni. Also shown are (far left) Director of Alumni Affairs and Development Dr. Chris Maggio, (second from right) Dr. Bill Dickens, head of the Department of Health and Human Performance and Sharon Sampité, assistant director of the NSU Foundation.

Legacy of mentoring comes full circle with Stewart Endowed Professorship

Thomas Edison Stewart spent his career as an educator, encouraging students to do their best in the classroom. Stewart has decided to honor a teacher who inspired him from an early age with a donation of \$60,000 to the Northwestern State University Foundation to establish the Thomas E. Stewart Endowed Professorship in the College of Education.

The donation will be matched with \$40,000 from the Board of Regents' Support Fund to create a \$100,000 endowed professorship. Interest generated by the endowment will fund faculty research and development along with needed equipment.

Stewart made the donation on his 91st birthday in the memory of Joe Webb, who was Stewart's principal in school and chemistry teacher at Louisiana State Normal College as his way "to give back a little something to the school where I got my start."



Thomas Edison Stewart

Joe Webb

Joe Webb was the father of Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

"I am honored and humbled that Mr. Stewart would make this generous donation in memory of my father," said Webb. "I believe the life work done by my father and Mr. Stewart show the impact that a dedicated teacher can have on the lives of others. This

gift will help Northwestern to prepare future educators to follow in their steps."

The new endowed professorship is the third created within the College of Education. Private funding has also been obtained for an endowed chair for the college.

"Mr. Stewart's contribution will provide resources for maintaining the legacy of teacher preparation programs originating at 'Louisiana Normal,'" said Dr. Vickie Gentry, acting dean of the College of Education. "Many of us chose teaching as a career because of the influence of one memorable teacher who made a difference in our lives. Because someone taught us in a meaningful way, we desire to have the same impact on others. It is touching to know and appreciate the cycle - a teacher who enjoys helping others learn is as much needed in 2005 as it was in 1929."

Stewart, a native of the Lula community in DeSoto Parish, attended school in Lula where he met Joe Webb, who would be a major influence on his life. He graduated from high school in 1929 at age 15, then farmed for five years to earn money to attend college.

In 1935, Stewart enrolled at State Normal College, waiting tables in the college cafeteria and performing other odd jobs to help pay for his education. He graduated from State Normal College in 1939 with a Bachelor of Science degree in math and chemistry.

Stewart's first teaching job was in Oak Hill in Rapides Parish, where he taught math and science. That was where he met his future wife, Thelma Shipp, a teacher who had also attended Louisiana State Normal College. Tom and Thelma Stewart had three children.



James T. Stewart, Dr. Randall J. Webb, Thomas E. Stewart and Linda Stewart Haynes

Stewart also taught math and science at Summerfield in Claiborne Parish. World War II interrupted his teaching career. During the war, he served three years in the U.S. Army with the Topographic Engineers. After the war, he taught at Shongaloo and Evergreen in Webster Parish. In Evergreen, he served as the school's principal.

In 1950, Stewart graduated with a Master of Arts from LSU. He continued his education by taking postgraduate courses, primarily in the sciences, at LSU, the University of Arkansas, Texas A&M University and the University of Texas.

Stewart moved to Ruston in Lincoln Parish in 1950 and taught general science, chemistry and physics at Ruston High School until his retirement in 1975. He sponsored science fairs at Ruston High School during those years. Among his accomplishments were teaching a student in chemistry, who advanced to the National Science Fair. Stewart's chemistry and physics students who participated in the Northwest Louisiana Rally placed first in both physics and chemistry in all but one year he taught those subjects.

In 1970, Stewart received a certificate of merit from the Louisiana Science Teachers Association in recognition of "Superior Service" given to the advancement of science in the schools of Louisiana.

After his retirement as a teacher, Stewart worked in the chemistry department at Louisiana Tech University until 1985. He lives at Russ House in Ruston.

Northwestern floor mats bring school spirit to your front door

Northwestern State University alumni and friends can show their school spirit to anyone who shows up at their front door. The NSU Alumni Association is offering colorful NSU welcome mats in five different styles and sizes to reflect pride in Northwestern and its athletic teams.

A rectangular mat with the university logo is available in two sizes, a 22-inch by 30-inch mat for \$30 and a 34-inch by 48-inch bath mat for \$50. Available for \$30 each are a football-shaped 22-inch by 35-inch mat, a round basketball mat 29 inches in diameter, a round baseball mat 29 inches in diameter, and a round soccer mat 29 inches in diameter, each depicting the "Flaming N" logo. Fans can also purchase floorboard mats for their cars. Sizes are 24 inches by 18 inches for front mats, 10 inches by 17 inches for back seat mats. A pair of car mats costs \$55. A round mat depicting the Northwestern seal featuring the university's three symbolic columns, is available for \$30 as well.

"These welcome mats bring Demon spirit right to your front door," said Dr. Chris Maggio, director of Alumni and Development at NSU. "This is a fantastic way for friends of Northwestern to show pride in their alma mater."

Anyone interested in purchasing a Northwestern welcome mat can contact Janay Matt at the NSU Alumni Center at (318) 357-4415 or 1-888-799-6486 or email giblinj@nsula.edu.



\$30 - Northwestern seal featuring the university's three symbolic columns

Martin Foundation provides endowment for professorship in Computer Information Systems

A donation from the Roy O. Martin Foundation has created the first ever endowed professorship for Northwestern State University's Computer Information Systems program. The endowed \$60,000 donation has established the Roy O. Martin Sr. Endowed Professorship in Computer Information Systems (College of Business) and will be matched with \$40,000 from the Louisiana Board of Regents' Support Fund.

The Roy O. Martin Foundation is funded through Roy O. Martin Lumber Management, an Alexandria-based company founded in 1923 as a family business dedicated to the forest products industry. During its 80-year history, the company has become one of the largest independently owned wood products companies in the southern United States.

"Forestry is a high-tech business," said Roy O. Martin III, president of Roy O. Martin Lumber Management, L.L.C. "The Northwestern CIS program has put out excellent graduates in badly-needed areas that are helping our business grow. Northwestern has become a learning institution that is stirring economic development in our region and businesses in our area can benefit from that."

NSU's Computer Information Systems program is one of the university's designated Areas of Excellence and is renowned for its excellence in preparing students for careers in information systems development, electronic commerce, systems analysis and design and database modeling and administration. This year, for the fifth year in a row, students in the CIS program won the national championship in systems analysis.

"Our students have not only solid business backgrounds, they also have highly technical backgrounds," said Dr. Lissa Pollacia, professor in the College of Business. "When we establish communication with companies like Roy O. Martin and they have a need in the area of information systems, we can steer students to those areas of need."

An endowed professorship is created by a benefactor to fund the academic activities and research of a faculty member who has established a record of excellence in a specific academic discipline. Interest from the endowed professorship provides needed resources to support faculty innovations in teaching, training and continuous improvement. These faculty innovations determine the quality of a university's programs and its student output and the reputation of the university.



A donation from the Roy O. Martin Foundation has created the first endowed professorship in Northwestern State University's Computer Information Systems program. From left are NSU Director of Alumni and Development Dr. Chris Maggio, ROM representatives Carole Baxter and Spencer Martin, NSU Professor of Business Dr. Lissa Pollacia, ROM President Roy O. Martin III, NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb, NSU Assistant Director of Institutional Advancement Sharon Sampite and ROM Vice President of Human Resources Ray Peters.

The company's operations include the Martco plywood plant in Chopin, which within the next 18 months will be expanded by 30 percent to create 90 additional jobs. Earlier this year, the company broke ground on an oriented strand board (OSB) plant near Oakdale. The company operates a pine utility pole treating plant in Pineville and a hardwood sawmill and OSB mill in LeMoyen. ROM currently employs 1,100 people in the state and manages more than 600,000 acres of land, making it one of the state's largest private landowners.

Last year, ROM provided scholarships for six Northwestern State students through the Martin Foundation Scholarship Fund. Dependents of employees of the Martin companies are eligible for the scholarships and must maintain a 2.75 grade point average. In addition, ROM is a member of the NSU President's Council, which supports academic programs and projects with a contribution of \$1,000 or more per year.

For more information on ROM, visit www.martco.com. For more information on NSU's Computer Information Systems program, visit <http://business.nsula.edu/CIS/CISHome.htm>.



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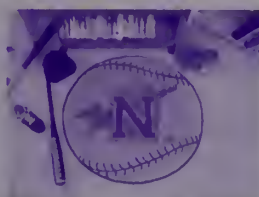
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29 inches in diameter



\$30 - football-shaped
22-inch by 35-inch mat



\$30 - baseball mat
29 inches in diameter



pair of car mats
costs \$55



\$30 - soccer mat
29 inches in diameter

College of Education will recognize Distinguished Educators

Five Northwestern State University alumni have been named Distinguished Educators and one alumnus has been designated a Friend of Education by the university's College of Education. The distinguished group will be recognized and honored during Northwestern's Homecoming festivities Oct. 15 and inducted into the College of Education Hall of Fame. The Distinguished Educators are Dan Carr of Natchitoches, Joe D. Cornett of Rogers, Ark.; Robert Crew of Natchitoches, James Larry Skinner of Stonewall and the late R.J. Stoker. Walter Lee has been named a Friend of Education.

Dan Carr



After graduating from Winnfield High School, Carr earned a degree in mathematics education and health and physical education at Northwestern in 1955. He earned a master's degree in mathematics education and school administration at NSU and doctorate of education in mathematics education and school administration from the University of Mississippi. Carr began his career teaching math, health and physical education at Natchitoches High School. He was later head football and track coach. He was supervising teacher for mathematics student teachers at NSU before serving as supervising principal for all student teachers at Natchitoches High. Carr was principal at Natchitoches High from 1963-70 and was director of consolidated high schools into Natchitoches Central High School from 1970-72. Carr was a professor in the College of Education for several years until his appointment to department head in 1983. He was named dean of the College of Education in 1985. He retired as director of Institutional Research at NSU in 2000, having served in that capacity since 1987.

Among his numerous professional and community service endeavors, Carr has chaired the Natchitoches Parish School Board Citizen's Budget Study Committee since 2003. Having served as secretary of the Kiwanis Club since 1996, he was elected 2003-04 Kiwanis District 11 Secretary of the Year and the 2004-05 Kiwanian of the Year. He has chaired the Administrative Council at First United

Methodist Church and served as president of the Graduate "N" Club of Northwestern State University. He was editor of the Louisiana Education Research Journal from 1979-94.

Joe D. Cornett



Cornett earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education at Northwestern in the early 1960s and doctorate in education in 1966 from the University of Arkansas. During his career, he served as both a middle school teacher in Bossier Parish and a professor of education, mostly at Texas Tech University, where he was chair for many years at the Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership, the larger of two departments in the College of Education. His academic interests led him to specialize in the areas of curriculum, quantitative research design and analysis and statistics. He authored eight books and over 50 journal articles, monographs and technical reports and was instrumental in Texas Tech's successful move toward Division I Research status. Prior to that he taught three years at Southeastern Louisiana University and served as a mathematics teacher at Rusheon Junior High in Bossier City.

A native of Waterproof, Cornett has contributed to NSU through his alumni status and, through his research and scholarly work in education, has gained national and international reputation in his field. He has been recognized by universities and by scholarly groups for sustained records of published research over the past three and half decades.

Robert Crew



Crew earned a bachelor's degree at Northwestern in 1965 and a master of education degree in 1968. Since 1997, he has served as executive assistant to the president of Northwestern State University. Crew began his career as a teacher in Caddo Parish and St. Mary Parish schools. He worked for many years in the state Department of Education, which he served as both deputy superintendent and acting deputy

superintendent. Also in the Department of Education, he served as supervisor, assistant director and director of the Bureau of Higher Education and Teacher Certification, director of the Bureau of Continuing Education, and was director when those two bureaus merged. He also served as acting assistant superintendent of academic programs for the Department of Education.

Crew is a member of the NSU President's Council, the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches, the Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission and Phi Kappa Phi. He served on numerous evaluation teams for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). He organized and served on state visiting committees for approval of teacher education programs at state colleges and universities and was an active member of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification.

Crew was president of the Louisiana State Association of School Personnel Administrators. He served as ex officio member of the State Advisory Commission on Teacher Education and Certification, served as a member of the Louisiana Teacher Education Professional Standards Commission and served on the executive committee of the Louisiana High School Athletic Commission. He is the 1993 recipient of the Pelican Chapter of the American Business Women's Association's "Business Associate of the Year" award. He is an ex officio member of the Northwestern State University Foundation board of directors.

James Skinner



Skinner earned an undergraduate degree at Northwestern in 1961, a graduate degree in 1967 and completed 30+ hours. He is a member of the Graduate "N" Club Athletic Hall of Fame, past member of Phi Epsilon Kappa at NSU and a member of Phi Delta Kappa.

Skinner was superintendent of schools in Sabine Parish for 14 years and was principal of Many High School for nine years. He coached basketball and taught

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social studies, physical education and English. He served as president and vice president of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents and chaired and served on several Southern Association of Elementary and Secondary School evaluation committees.

R.J. Stoker



Stoker graduated from Many High School in 1927 and from Northwestern in 1931 or 1932. He did graduate work at Colorado State and Stephen F. Austin, where he earned a master's degree. Stoker was principal at Belmont, Toro, Noble and Pleasant Hill schools. While serving at Belmont, he was the youngest principal in the state, at age 23. He was at Pleasant Hill for 20 years. In 1964, he became state director of school food services and commodity distribution for the Louisiana State Department of Education. He was president of the Sabine Teachers Association for three terms and was president of the Northwest Louisiana Principals Group.

Stoker organized the Louisiana Principal's Association and served three terms as president. He was president of the NSU Alumni Association for two terms

and served on the Louisiana High School Athletic Executive Committee for four terms and served as vice president and president of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association. He is a member of the NSU Graduate "N" Club and the Louisiana High School Athletic Association and Coaches Hall of Fame. Stoker was author of a well-received book, "Telling It Like It Was," of his memories of early education in Sabine Parish. Stoker passed away Jan. 8, 2004, in Lake Jackson, Texas, at age 93.

Walter Lee



Veteran superintendent Lee is a 1958 graduate of Northwestern. He was elected vice president of the Louisiana State Board of Education, representing 10 parishes in the northwest part of the state. Lee was superintendent in DeSoto Parish for nearly 13 years and has been a member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education since 1991. Before moving to DeSoto Parish, he held the superintendency in Caddo Parish for 12 years. Earlier he served as business manager and director of finance in Caddo Parish.



A groundbreaking was held for the new NSU track. The track is funded by a state capital outlay appropriation and construction will be complete in November. From left are Vice President of External Affairs Jerry Pierce, NSU Director of Athletics Facilities Chuck Bourg, Architect Mark Williamson, Regional Construction owner and contractor Pat Johnson, NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb, Rep. Taylor Townsend, Mayor Wayne McCullen, NSU Track Coach Leon Johnson, NSU Director of Alumni Affairs and Development Dr. Chris Maggio, City of Natchitoches Councilwoman Sylvia Morrow, University of Louisiana System Board member Jimmy Long and Executive Assistant to the President Robert Crew.

Alumni Updates

1940

Annie Ruth Garrett Matzko is retired and lives in Fairfax, Va.

Margie McLean Witter is retired and lives in Topeka, Kan.

1941

Melva Mayson Maxey is a retired teacher and lives in Lake Charles.

1944

Gloria Betty Coffman Neathery is retired, married and lives in Livingston, Texas.

1956

Harry B. Moore is retired, married to Betty Lou Smith Moore ('56) and lives in Shreveport.

1958

Hugh Phillip Holley is an Ag. pilot, married to Mary Lou Holley ('64) and lives in Tallulah.

Linda Anne Whitehead Perot is a special school principal at St. Mary's Day School, married and lives in Alexandria.

1959

A. W. (Billy) Palmer is retired and currently a real estate appraiser. He is married and lives in Shreveport.

1964

Dotty Lou Andries Morton is a retired associate professor of nursing, married and lives in Glenmora.

1965

Dr. James A. Weeks is a retired school superintendent, married and lives in Orange, Texas.

Jack W. Leggett is retired from Port Arthur ISD as director of personnel and is currently serving as executive director of Center for Christian Services (United Board of Missions). He is married and lives in Port Neches, Texas.

1966

Jimmy Dale Johnson is retired and lives in Metairie.

1969

Ralph Edward Stapleton (Col.-retired) is married to Donna Merchant Stapleton ('70) and lives in Oakdale.

1970

Cyndee L. Osborne Ranes is a small business administration loan officer, married and lives in Arlington, Texas.

Gary Nathan Woods is an electronic technician for Hermann Memorial Hospital System, married and lives in Houston, Texas.

1971

Kenneth John Patin is the owner of Patin's Welding Works and lives in Breaux Bridge.

Jon David Adams is an accounts manager for KBR, married and lives in Winter Springs, Fla.

1973

Sharon Rose Helo Gary is employed by East Baton Rouge Parish School Board as a speech pathologist, married and lives in Baton Rouge.

Jeanne Mitchell recently joined the Huntsville, Alabama, office of CRS Engineering and Design Consultants, Inc. as an administrative assistant.

1978

Alan J. Stone is the clinical director and president at the Center for Psychological and Family Services, married and lives in Springfield, Mass.

1981

Anita D. Weaver Devillier is an instructor at Lamar University and lives in Sour Lake, Texas.

1982

Mary Himel Webster Hatcher is a librarian at Converse High School, married and lives in Converse.

1983

David G. Hadden is currently serving in the USAF, married and lives in Warrensburg, Mo.

1984

Teresa Annette Grappe DeLatin is an assistant coordinator of legal affairs at LSUHSC-Shreveport. She is married and lives in Shreveport.

1985

Amanda C. Jones is employed by the Beaumont Independent School District as a teacher and lives in Beaumont, Texas.

1987

Melissa Arlene Hightower Calcote is a homemaker, married and lives in Sugarland, Texas.

1991

John Castille is employed at the Law office of John Norwood as an attorney and lives in Port Allen.

1992

Deborah Lynn Caple Williamson is a stay at home mom, married and lives in Shreveport.

Kirk Wayne Long is the CEO at Neuro Medical Center Hospital, married and lives in Denham Springs.

Mark Beron Bryant is an attorney and has his own practice, married and lives in Shreveport.

Jennifer Feltner Creevy is employed at the New Orleans Public Library as a Librarian II, married and lives in New Orleans.

Dr. Richard Engstrom is an assistant professor of political science at Georgia State University, married and lives in Peachtree, Ga.

1993

Nancy Elizabeth Roy is director of marketing for Chapter 11 Bookstores and lives in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Leonard Williams is the director of career development at the University of New Orleans and recently completed his doctorate of philosophy in higher education from the University of New Orleans.

1994

Angela M. Davis Burge is a registered nurse at Willis Knighten Medical Center, married and lives in Doyline.

Lori Trahan is assistant director of career services at Kennesaw State University, secretary of the board of directors for the Good Mews Animal foundation. She presented at national ACPA conference in Nashville in April 2005 and June 2005 at GA association of Colleges and Employers conference.

Staci Lynette Remedez is a teacher at Zwolle High School, married and lives in Zwolle.

1995

Ruth Franklin Brumley is a payroll supervisor for Amerisafe Inc. and lives in Rosepine.

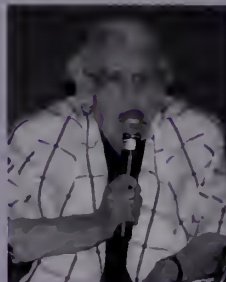
Judy Carter is a corporate securities attorney at Winstead Sechrest Minick P.C. and lives in Dallas, Texas.

Eve Cox Mitchell is a first grade teacher at Wedgewood Elementary, married to Luke Mitchell ('03) and lives in Prairieville.

1996

Nikole V. Neuner Mock is a studio tech II for

Former Women's Basketball Player inducted to national Hall of Fame



Edna Tarbutton

Northwestern State graduate Edna Tarbutton, who set national records for organized basketball with 218 consecutive coaching victories at Baskin High School, was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame July 9 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Tarbutton also coached Baskin to nine state championships, including eight straight from 1948-55, to highlight a 33-year career in which she compiled a 654-263-2 record.

The winning streak lasted from 1947-53. In eight years, her Baskin teams lost only twice in 313 games.

"Miss Tarbutton has meant so much to me in my life," said former player Donnis Banks. "She taught me so much—not just the game of basketball, which I dearly loved. She taught me how to be mean. She taught me American history and put a love of teaching in my heart, and I taught in Vicksburg, Mississippi, for 13 1/2 years."

Nicknamed "Tiny," the Northwestern graduate was noted as a strict disciplinarian and fierce competitor, but she was also one of the most popular teachers at Baskin, located near Winnsboro in northeast Louisiana.

Previously, she was inducted into the Long Purple Line, the highest honor awarded to alumni of Northwestern State University. In 1993, she was enshrined in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

She was one of six people honored during the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Joining her in the induction class were former Auburn coach Joe Ciampi, former Kansas star player Lynette Woodard, player/coach Dixie Woodall of Oklahoma, four-time Southwestern Oklahoma NAIA All-America pick Kelli Litsch and Women's Basketball Coaches Association organizer Hunter Low.

"That's why we have the Hall of Fame," said Tennessee Lady Vols head coach Pat Summitt. "There's so many people that don't understand the history of the women's game and how many people over a hundred years ago had an impact on young women that wanted to play the game and little girls that aspired to play the game. Coach Tarbutton was a big part of the past and the history—and we need to know about that in the present because she's a difference-maker."

With those inductions, 85 people will have been honored since the women's hall opened in 1999.

Tarbutton previously was inducted in the Louisiana High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame as one of 10 inaugural inductees in 1980, and she was enshrined in the National High School Hall of Fame.

ESPN, married and lives in West Hartford, Conn.

April Nance Franco is the director of marketing at Excel International, married and lives in Riverton, Utah.

Maidie Ciminel Meckley is director of student support services at Iowa Western Community College and lives in Council Bluff, Iowa.

1997

Matthew Mularoni is a compant commander in the 545th Military Police Company and stationed at Ft. Hood in Killeen, Texas

Rhonda S. Fair is the tribal Liaison at the University of Oklahoma and lives in Norman, Okla.

1998

Janery V. Wylie Barnes is a technical support representative at Alltel, married and lives in Fordyce, Ark.

Heath A. Fitts is director of technology at the Learning Center for Rapides Parish, married and lives in Pineville.

Tammy Johnson Glascoe is a captain in the medical service corps, married to Mutwa Glascoe ('00) and lives in Aberdeen Md.

Darryl Keith Evans is a jazz ensemble director/ assistant band director at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, married and lives in Pine Bluff, Ark.

Michael Scott Howes is a wilderness instructor at Second Nature Entrada and lives in St. George, Utah.

1999

Terri Lynn Youmans Bills is a fourth grade teacher at A. Sam Houston Elementary, married and lives in San Antonio.

Frances E. McGill Morrow is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Eli Lilly & Company, married and lives in Pineville.

Geneva Marney is a volunteer manager for Young Leadership Council and lives in New Orleans.

Stacie Cosby is an account manager for Momentum, member of big buddy youth mentoring organization, children church leader and lives Baton Rouge.

Jennifer Marie Stevens Hamilton is a child welfare specialist, married to Joshua Hamilton ('03) and lives in Alexandria.

Raven Temeka Brown is a teacher for Fort Worth ISD and lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

2001

Dawn Michelle Casey Arceneaux is a registered nurse/relief supervisor and charge nurse -newborn nursery, married and lives in Doyline.

Kerry Melissa Garrington is psychology assistant at Dr. Thrasher's Office and lives in Alexandria.

Shelly Miller is an administrative coordinator at LSUHSC-SCSD and lives in Baton Rouge.

Stephanie Ann Hood Noel is a teacher at Opelousas Junior High School, married to Brady Noel ('00) and lives in Opelousas.

Renee Louise Ramagos Boudreaux is a legal assistant at Packard Packard & LaPray, married and lives in Jennings.

Misty Dawn Mayes Sisson is a registered nurse at West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital, married and lives in Sulphur.

Johnette Michelle Perkins Monaghan is the band director at Blue Ridge MS/HS, married to Christopher Monaghan ('01) and lives in McKinney, Texas.

2002

Courtne L. Poche' is employed at regional urology as a registered nurse and lives in Shreveport.

LaDesha Rae Guin Johnson is a RN-NICU at Rapides Women's & Children's Hospital - Alexandria, married and lives in Georgetown.

Jennifer Pellegrin is currently in her third year of medical school at LSU in New Orleans and lives in Metairie.

Kimberly Jones is a senior executive administrative assistant at Kellogg Brown and Root and lives in Spring, Texas.

Jamie M. Barnes is currently teaching at-risk youth at American Youthworks Charter School (High School) and planning to teach a course on "Literature and Technology" at St. Edward's University, spring 2006. He lives in Austin, Texas.

Dawn Lashea Delaney Landers is marketing consulting for KALB-TV - Newschannel 5, married and lives in Deville.

2003

Shannon Shoneice Hymes Wallace is a section 8 specialist for HUD Housing Program, married and lives in Shreveport.

Farrah Lasyone Edwards is an accounting supervising at Harrah's Louisiana Downs and lives in Bossier City.

Michael Anthony Duval is a first lieutenant in the United States Army, married to Erica Guidry Duval ('04) and stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.

Jennifer Stokey is a medical student at LSU School of Medicine and lives in Shreveport.

Maria Anne Simmons is employed in the office of addictive disorders as a counselor and lives in Pollock.

Mary Frances James Claycomb is a mental health specialist at Amethyst Brilliant Choices, married and lives in Covington.

Melissa Ann Champion is a coordinator in the

governor's office - La. Children's Cabinet and lives in Baton Rouge.

Staci Lee Clouse Beebe is a certified athletic trainer at Christus St. Francis Cabrini Hospital, married and lives in Lena.

Kaitlin Savoy Deslatte is a graduate student/ archaeologist at the University of Massachusetts at Boston and lives in Pawtucket R.I.

Michelle Rose Meyer is a pool supervisor at Bellagio Hotel/Casino and lives in Las Vegas.

2004

Erica Guidry Duval is employed at the YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region in aquatics, married to Michael Anthony Duval ('03) and lives in Fort Carson, Colo.

Adam Cory Stoll is employed at DHL Express in international customer service preferred accounts and lives in Mesa, Ariz.

Courtney Lynn Hilton is an accountant for the city of Leesville Housing Authority and lives Leesville.

Sarah Townsend Ledbetter is a beverage supervisor at Hotel del Coronado and lives in Chula, Calif.



In Memory

'35 Audra Evans Allen,
February 19, 2005

'61 Ann "Pam" Morrow,
May 2, 2005

Mary Reese Lannucci,
September 23, 2004

Louetta Theresa Falcon Palmer Provost,
Rayne, June 17, 2005

Alan Lewis Landgridge,
West Hartford, June 10, 2005

LOOKING BACK

Distinguished Lecture Series



Maya Angelou



Tommy Lasorda

Between the years 1971 and 1999, well known journalists, authors, politicians, sportsmen and artists graced the campus, speaking to students, faculty and visitors as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series.

The program was begun by now Dean of Liberal Arts, Dr. Donald Hatley. His first guest was Peter Jennings, who had just returned from an assignment for ABC News in the Middle East. After that, more than 60 renowned presenters spoke in the series.

"It was a big deal to get that caliber of speaker to Louisiana schools," said Hatley. "Being able to start and program and fill the auditorium was a pretty good feeling."

Tommy Whitehead, former journalism department head, took over the program soon after its inception.

"I remember several speakers who had the entire audience engrossed in what they were saying," Whitehead said. "Ray Bradbury, Coretta Scott King, Paul Harvey and Maya Angelou are some who I remember as tremendous speakers."

Although each speaker was a notable person of the time, Whitehead also remembers the more humorous side of some of the people.

"Betty Fredan was just flown in from upstate New York and hadn't had a chance to eat anything," he said. "When she got here, she still wasn't able to eat and she got mad and threw her boots at me. Once she had spoken and we got her something to eat and drink, she was very mild-mannered."

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Congratulations to the following people who knew the participants in the Intramural All-niter, Jan Wilson and Mairus McFarland in the Spring 2005 issue:

Delaine Brown—82
Mandeville

Tiameko Overton—2000 & 2005
Shreveport

Chris Soileau—81
Denham Springs

Ms. Vern Guidroz—84
Natchitoches, LA

James Keller—94
Stonewall

Devin Allen—Current Student
Benton, LA

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Spouse's name: _____

Is your spouse an NSU graduate? ____ Yes ____ No

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Spouse's undergraduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation _____

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Shown below is an NSU Flag that was flying over a United States military base in Bagdad, Iraq. Sgt. Blake Fowler, of the 1/156th Armor Battalion of Shreveport, and a Natchitoches native, currently stationed in Iraq, had his comrades in arms autograph this one of a kind flag. Signing the flag (below, left) are Spc. Anwar Aiken ('02) and Spc. Matt Entwistle. Others from Natchitoches and Northwestern (below right) in this unit include (front) Sgt. Shane Garcie, Sgt. Blake Fowler, (middle) Spc. Edward Clement, Sgt. Robert Barthelemy, Spc. Phillip Age, Spc. Clairone Coleman, (back) Sgt. Jerod Ward ('02), Sgt. Adam Aton and Sgt. James Spivey.



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